Earlier this week, I was proud to receive the Arctic Medal of Courage from the Alaska Coalition for my work in Congress to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from oil drilling. The ANWR is a prized jewel of our national ecosystem. I successfully led an effort to remove a drilling provision from last year's budget and opposed its inclusion in the defense appropriations bill. This year I will work with my colleagues to improve our environment and reduce dependency on foreign oil by raising CAFE standards and investing in renewable energy sources and alternative fuels. Take a look at this photo from the medal presentation...

